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Notification, 1991, as amended from time to time, environmental clearance for storage facilities for petroleum products within Coastal Regulation Zone is required from the Union Ministry of Surface Transport, in case of projects falling within the existing port limits. In respect of the projects falling wholly or partially outside the existing port limits, environmental clearance is required from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests. In view of this, the request of Andhra Pradesh State Government was not acceded by the union Government.

### **Statistics of wildlife**

3032. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the correct statistics of Tiger, Elephant, Lion and Rhino in the country; if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether their number is increasing or decreasing; and

(c) whether there have been a number of unnatural deaths of wildlife in Zoos; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The estimated number of tiger, elephant, lion and rhino during the last two counts is given in the statement. (See below). These figures show a continuous rise in lion, elephant, and rhino population but the number of tigers in the State for which information is available has also increased marginally.

(c) One Blue Bull and one Caiman Crocodile at Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa and one tiger at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad were killed by intruders during 2000.

Statement

State-wise details of population of tiger, lion, elephant and rhino

S. No.	Name of State	Tiger population		Rhino population		Elephant population		Lion population	
		1993	1997	1993	1998/99	1993	1997	1995	2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	197	171			46	57		
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	180	180			2500	2102		
3.	Assam	325	458	1440	1684	5500	5312		
4.	Bihar/Jharkhand	137	103			550	618		
5.	Goa/Daman & Diu	3	6					304	310-320
6.	Gujarat	5	1						
7.	Karnataka	305	350			5500	6088		
8.	Kerala	57	53			3500	5737		
9.	M.P./Chhattisgarh	912	927						
10.	Maharashtra	276	257						
11.	Meghalaya	53	63			2750	1840		
12.	Mizoram	28	12						
13.	Nagaland*	83	83				147		
14.	Orissa	226	194			1750	1827		
15.	Rajasthan	64	58						
16.	Sikkim*	2	2						
17.	Tamil Nadu	97	62			2400	2971		
18.	U.P./Uttaranchal	465	475	12	13	845	1984		
19.	West Bengal	335	361	44	120	200	327		
	TOTAL	3750	3836	1496	1817	25541	29010	304	310-329

\*Population census in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Sikkim have not been carried out in 1997. The census figures quoted by these States during 1993 has been incorporated in 1997 also.